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BLM Cedar City Field Office Site Inspection Report

July 10, 2003

To: Case file UTU-71326
Dave Penney,
Sliver #1-4 Picasso Marble Mines

From: Ed Ginouves, CCFO Mining Engineer

Subject: North Pit Site Inspection

On July 9, 2003 I made a routine inspection of the north pit area associated with the Penney Sliver Notice. The site lies entirely on BLM land. The previous inspection had been conducted on August 14, 2002. Tom Munson of the Division had made an inspection of the site in June and had informed me that Mr. Penney had been recently active at the site and made some significant site changes. The purpose of the inspection was to document those changes and update the disturbed perimeter map of the site. The weather was very hot and dry and site conditions were very dry, with no precipitation for several weeks.

Inspection Findings: The operator was not present and no equipment was on site. The access road from SR-21 to the site had been recently graded along its entire length to a width of 12'. Since the last inspection in 8/2002 the operator has built a haulage road connecting the north end of the main pit with the north end of the lower stockpiling / loadout area in the drainage bottom. Presumably this was done to avoid having to tram quarried material from the pit area to the loadout using the tracked loader along the very steep access road at the south end of the site. The new haulage road, which provides semi truck access to the main pit floor, expanded upon an earlier narrow trackhoe access trail and two small prospect pits (refer to earlier GPS maps of this north pit area).

The operator had performed some additional prospecting along this new haulage road on the north extension of the marblized zone, presumably to secure a source of dark marblized rock, since the loss of access to the dark Picasso pit on private land. The operator apparently was not able to come to an acceptable arrangement with the owner of the dark Picasso marble pit, Mr. Truman of Minersville, and earlier that day had observed 14 containers of marble in the ware-yard of Mr. Truman's Minersville Feed Supply business. The marble had been recovered by Mr. Penney from Mr. Truman's property in June (see prior inspection reports for details on how this incident unfolded).

The operator had been active in the main pit both expanding the pit to the east and widening and flattening the waste dump. Much of the surface of this waste dump has been re-disturbed, negating any natural re-vegetation that had occurred on the dump slope to date. Boulders pushed over this angle-of-repose slope continue to increase the footprint of the site by damaging and destroying trees downslope of the dump. I re-surveyed the gross disturbed areas at the site using a Trimble GeoExplorer 3 hand-held GPS receiver / datalogger. An ArcView map of that survey is attached. Total project disturbances have increased from 4.7 acres to 5.3 acres. I also obtained photographs of the site for comparison purposes with earlier inspection photos.

I did not observe any noxious weeds.

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Reclamation Treatments Map

Sliver #3-4

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 Access Road - .73 acres
 Mine Disturbance Area- 4.74 Acres



Inspection performed by Ed Ginouves of the BLM on July 9, 2003.
GPS data to make this map was also collected by Ed Ginouves on July 9, 2003.

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A scale bar with alternating black and white segments, corresponding to the 200-foot increments marked above it.

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